

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 450

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to commend Jimmy Philpott for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a faithful and longtime employee of the ambulance service in Clay County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Philpott is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Philpott is a highly respected member of the Clay County community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a licensed Emergency Medical Technician-IV, Jimmy Philpott has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, for the past thirty years, Mr. Philpott has been an active and devoted employee of Clay County's ambulance service; in addition to his service on the Clay County Rescue Squad, he has ably served on the Board of Directors of the Clay County Community

Center. Currently, he serves on the Clay County Ambulance Committee and as the Supervisor of his shift; and

WHEREAS, prior to Clay County taking over the ambulance service in 1973, Jimmy Philpott worked for the Upton Funeral Home, which then operated the ambulance service. When the county turned its operations over to Carthage General Hospital in October of 1996, he was retained as an employee and remains so today; and

WHEREAS, following the death of Ambulance Director Jimmy Burchett in 1995, Mr. Philpott was appointed to serve as Director, a position he held until October of 1996; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Philpott's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Philpott is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Philpott is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jimmy Philpott for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as an Emergency Medical Technician-IV in Clay County and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.